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1. In March 1953 the Haeju Radio Station was in a wooden trench on a mountain top at YC-373142.¹ The trench was 18 meters long, 4 meters wide, and 2 meters high, with the top covered with 1 meter of dirt. The entrance was on the east end of the trench. A pear orchard, 90 meters square, was on a slope, 10 meters east of the trench. Three light posts, 7 meters apart, were 5 meters south of the trench. The trench was partitioned into five rooms; at the east end of the tunnel was the chief's room; the next room was an office; the middle room was the technicians' room; the fourth room was the broadcasting room; and at the west end was a storage room. A telephone was installed in the chief's room. One radio, one microphone, and repair tools were in the technicians' room where eight radios were being repaired. A transmitter, made in Czechoslovakia, was in the broadcasting room. Radios, microphones, and spare parts were in the storage room.

2. In March 1953 the following persons were employed at the station: one chief, three clerks, five technicians, two announcers, and two laborers. The normal broadcasting hours were from 1200 to 1400 hours, and from 1700 to 1900 hours. In addition to the regular broadcasting hours, news from P'yongyang, Peiping, and Moscow was transmitted whenever scheduled. Radio owners had to register with the radio station and obtain permission to listen to the broadcasts. Persons who had obtained prior permission were charged a monthly rate of 50 North Korean won. When a person was discovered violating the rule, his radio was confiscated, and he was investigated by the Naemuso (Minister of Internal Affairs detachment). Civilians were limited in the amount of broadcasts they could listen to because of a power shortage. However there were no limitations on listening to government officials or organizations.

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1. [] Comment. [] reported a radar installation at YC-3714 near Haeju in May 1952.

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